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PRESS RELEASE

**23 COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPATE IN PACIFIC
ARMIES CHIEFS' CONFERENCE, IN DHAKA
BANGLADESH**

Dhaka, September 12, 2014 - Senior Army leaders from around the Asia-Pacific and Indian Ocean regions will meet in Bangladesh for the thirty-eighth Pacific Armies Management Seminar (PAMS) during the second week of September.

Army officers and security officials from approximately 23 nations in the Asia-Pacific and Indian Ocean Region will meet in Dhaka, Bangladesh for the thirty-eighth Pacific Armies Management Seminar (PAMS). PAMS is co-hosted by the U.S. Army, Pacific and the Bangladesh Army.

The theme for PAMS is "A new focus on the Asia-Pacific region: Opportunities and challenges for land forces".

During PAMS, seminar participants will discuss topics that relate to this theme. They are: "Practicing cooperation, developing interoperability of concepts for non-traditional security"; "Balancing requirements for meeting traditional and non-traditional threats"; "Civil-military and multinational cooperation, the essential elements for future stability"; "Building response capacity of land forces for issues of environmental security".

Welcome remarks for PAMS will be delivered by General Iqbq Karim Bhuiyan, Chief of Army, Bangladesh; and General Vincent Brooks, Commander, U.S. Army, Pacific.

PAMS is a multinational military seminar that provides a forum for senior-level (lieutenant colonel to lieutenant general, or national equivalent) officers from the Asia Pacific's regional ground forces to exchange views and ideas. It is not only a forum to enhance understanding of the subjects studied, it also provides an opportunity for the future leaders of the region's armies to establish and cultivate a set of strong interpersonal relationships.

Pacific Armies Management Seminars have been held throughout the Asia Pacific Region since 1978. The long-term objective of PAMS is to facilitate capacity building via information exchange and dialogue on theme and topics; promote security cooperation in an atmosphere of trust and mutual respect; support the Army's efforts in rebalancing the Asia-Pacific theater and reassuring regional allies and partners in the interests of national security, of the U.S. Army's commitment to the region.

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